

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-75, all of the claims in the application, as filed. Please also cancel claims 1-6 as presented under Article 19 on August 25, 2004. Please add new claims 76-150 as follows.

Claims 1-75 (Cancelled)

76. (New) A device for storing a dressing having a length and adapted to be supplied to a cylinder of a printing press comprising:

a first storage position;

a holder adapted to hold a dressing in said first storage position in a first operating state;

a second storage position spaced vertically from said first storage position; and means releasing said holder and dressing from each other in a second operating state, the dressing released from said holder during a change into said second operating state being stored along its dressing length in said second storage position.

77. (New) The device of claim 76 wherein the dressing is stored in said second storage position prior to being supplied to the cylinder.

78. (New) The device of claim 76 wherein the dressing falls from said first storage position due to the force of gravity.

79. (New) The device of claim 76 wherein the dressing is an elastically deformable material and has an inherent elastically resilient property.

80. (New) The device of claim 76 further including a support for the dressing in said second storage position.

81. (New) The device of claim 80 wherein said support receives the dressing along the length of the dressing.
82. (New) The device of claim 81 further including a dressing conveying device adapted to convey a dressing from said support to a cylinder using a translatory movement.
83. (New) The device of claim 81 further including a pusher adapted to transport the dressing from said support to the cylinder.
84. (New) The device of claim 76 wherein the cylinder has a circumference adapted to receive at least two dressings.
85. (New) The device of claim 76 wherein the cylinder has axial direction adapted to receive at least two dressings.
86. (New) The device of claim 76 wherein the cylinder has a axial direction adapted to receive at least four dressings.
87. (New) The device of claim 76 further including a chute usable to store at least two dressings to be supplied to the cylinder.
88. (New) The device of claim 87 wherein the cylinder has a circumference adapted to have a number of dressings on said circumference and wherein said chute is adapted to receive said number of dressings.
89. (New) The device of claim 87 wherein the cylinder has a axial direction and further wherein at least two dressings adjoining each other in said cylinder axial direction can be stored in said chute.
90. (New) The device of claim 87 wherein the cylinder has an axial direction and further wherein at least two of said chutes are arranged side-by-side in said cylinder

axial direction.

91. (New) The device of claim 87 wherein the cylinder has an axial direction and further wherein at least two of said dressings can be stored side-by-side in said chute in said cylinder axial direction.

92. (New) The device of claim 76 wherein one dressing is stored in each of said first storage position and said second storage position out of contact with each other.

93. (New) The device of claim 76 wherein the cylinder is supported for rotation in a production direction and wherein in said production direction of cylinder rotation, the dressing has a leading end and a trailing end with a beveled suspension leg having a leg length at least at said trailing end.

94. (New) The device of claim 93 wherein said dressing trailing end suspension leg is beveled at an opening angle of between 30° and 140° with respect to a linear length of the dressing.

95. (New) The device of claim 94 wherein said opening angle is between 80° and 135° .

96. (New) The device of claim 94 wherein said opening angle is 90° .

97. (New) The device of claim 93 further including a support in at least one of said first and second storage positions and wherein the dressing rests on said support with its trailing end suspension leg.

98. (New) The device of claim 93 wherein said first storage position and said second storage position are spaced from each other by a spacing distance and wherein said spacing distance is between two and four times said length of said trailing end suspension leg.

99. (New) The device of claim 93 further including a leading end suspension leg beveled at an acute opening angle with respect to a linear length of the dressing.
100. (New) The device of claim 87 further including at least a second chute adapted to store at least one dressing removed from the cylinder.
101. The device of claim 100 where at least one of said chutes has a length at least as great as said dressing length.
102. (New) The device of claim 76 wherein the cylinder is a forme cylinder.
103. (New) The device of claim 76 wherein the dressing is a printing forme.
104. (New) The device of claim 82 wherein said support has an inclination of less than 15° during conveying of the dressing to the cylinder.
105. (New) The device of claim 104 wherein said support inclination is 0°.
106. (New) The device of claim 81 wherein said dressing holder is a chute and wherein said support is in said chute.
107. (New) The device of claim 81 further including a transport plane for the dressing to be fed to the cylinder, said support being parallel to said transport plane.
108. (New) The device of claim 107 wherein said transport plane is oriented orthogonally to the force of gravity.
109. (New) The device of claim 76 wherein said second storage position is perpendicularly beneath said first storage position.
110. (New) The device of claim 81 wherein said support includes a plurality of parallel strips.
111. (New) The device of claim 81 wherein said support is arranged tangentially to the cylinder.

112. (New) The device of claim 87 wherein said holder is in said chute.
113. (New) The device of claim 76 further including dressing holding elements on said holder.
114. (New) The device of claim 113 wherein said dressing holding elements clamp the dressing in said first storage position.
115. (New) The device of claim 113 wherein said dressing holding elements have a spacing distance less than said dressing length.
116. (New) The device of claim 113 wherein at least one of said dressing holding elements is movable.
117. (New) The device of claim 116 wherein said at least one movable dressing holding element has a linear movement.
118. (New) The device of claim 113 wherein at least one of said dressing holding elements is movable parallel to said second storage position.
119. (New) The device of claim 113 wherein at least one of said dressing holding elements is pivotable.
120. (New) The device of claim 113 wherein said dressing holding elements include first and second oppositely located, movable dressing holding elements.
121. (New) The device of claim 120 including means increasing a spacing distance between said first and second movable dressing holding elements.
122. (New) The device of claim 121 wherein said spacing distance is movable by said movement of said first and second dressing holding elements to a value greater than a dimension of the dressing held between the holding elements.
123. (New) The device of claim 116 wherein said movement of said holding elements

places the dressing in said second storage position.

124. (New) The device of claim 116 further including pneumatic actuating means adapted to move said at least one of said holding elements.

125. (New) The device of claim 112 wherein said holding elements include stops located opposite each other .

126. (New) The device of claim 113 wherein said holding elements enclose a dressing over the dressing length.

127. (New) The device of claim 113 wherein said holding elements include guide rails.

128. (New) The device of claim 127 wherein a dressing can be pushed between said guide rails.

129. (New) The device of claim 128 wherein the dressing has a dressing width and wherein said guide rails enclose said dressing width.

130. (New) The device of claim 113 further including at least one suspension leg on the dressing, at least one of said holding elements positively engaging said at least one dressing suspension leg.

131. (New) The device of claim 87 further including at least one code reader in said chute, said at least one code reader being adapted to read an identification characteristic applied to the dressing.

132. (New) The device of claim 83 wherein said pusher is a register pin.

133. (New) The device of claim 82 wherein said conveying device is a pneumatic linear drive.

134. (New) The device of claim 82 wherein said conveying device is a linear drive

mechanism.

135. (New) The device of claim 82 wherein said conveying device is a double-sided acting linear drive mechanism.

136. (New) The device of claim 76 wherein the printing press has at least first and second printing groups.

137. (New) The device of claim 136 wherein a material to be printed is directed vertically through said at least first and second printing groups.

138. (New) The device of claim 76 wherein the printing press is a multi-color offset printing press.

139. (New) The device of claim 76 further including a chute and wherein the dressing, in said second storage position, is positioned with at least a dressing leading end in said chute.

140. (New) The device of claim 76 further including a chute and wherein said first storage position, and said second storage position are in said chute.

141. (New) A method for supplying dressings to a cylinder of a printing press including:

- providing a first dressing storage position;

- providing a second dressing storage position;

- locating said first and second dressing storage positions vertically spaced apart from each other;

- providing a plurality of dressings each with a dressing length, to be supplied to the cylinder;

- storing said dressings to be supplied sequentially to the cylinder;

supporting said dressings along their length out of contact with each other;
changing a position of at least one dressing from a vertically upper one of said storage positions to a vertically lower one of said storage positions; and
supplying said dressing to the cylinder from said vertically lower storage position.

142. (New) The method of claim 141 further including supplying said dressing from said vertically lower storage position to the cylinder along a transport plane and arranging said transport plane orthogonally with respect to the force of gravity.

143. (New) The method of claim 141 including providing a thrusting force and applying said thrusting force to a trailing end of a dressing in said lower storage position.

144. (New) The method of claim 141 further including plural ones of said dressings, stored sequentially on top of each other, to a circumference of the cylinder.

145. (New) The method of claim 144 further including arranging several stacks of said dressings on top of each other and supplying said dressings to the cylinder side-by-side in an axial direction of the cylinder.

146. (New) The method of claim 145 including feeding said side-by-side arranged dressings simultaneously to the cylinder.

147. (New) The method of claim 141 further including conveying said dressing to the cylinder using a linear movement.

148. (New) The method of claim 141 further including conveying said dressing to the cylinder along an extension of said dressing length.

149. (New) The method of claim 141 including providing at least one suspension leg on said dressing and providing a support in said lower storage chamber, said support

contacting said at least one suspension leg.

150. (New) The method of claim 141 including providing at least one suspension leg on said dressing and at least one dressing pusher and using said at least one dressing pusher engaging said at least one suspension leg for supplying said dressing to the cylinder.